



SCENE FROM THE RED FEATHER.

AMUSEMENTS

THE LAST OF HIS RACE.

With all its wealth of special scenery, gorgeous costumes, bright and catchy specialties, is the attraction at the Dorris Opera House Friday, Jan. 10th. This piece, which has attained such an enviable reputation and secured such a hold on the hearts of theatergoers from one end of this broad land to the other is from the pen of Mr. Clarence Bennett, author of the "Holy City," another notable success. Mr. Bennett has located his scenes near the city of Mexico, and based the fabric of the play on events which actually occurred during the brief reign of the unfortunate Emperor Maximilian. The great treasure, the secret of which was so hoarded and jealously guarded by El Aguila (The Eagle), who although a self, traced his lineage from the royal Montezumas, is founded on fact. The success of this piece has been so phenomenal in America that the firm has decided to present it next year in England.

RED FEATHER.

"Red Feather," the romantic comic opera in two acts by Reginald E. Koven, with libretto by Charles Klein of "Music Master" and "Lion and the Mouse" fame, and lyrics by Charles Emerson Cook, will be presented at the Dorris opera house, Tuesday Jan. 7th, 1908.

The scenery, costumes and special effects cost Florence Ziegfeld about \$25,000, therefore its splendor is unquestioned. Jos. M. Galtus has furnished a strong company with the well known prima donna, Cheridab Simpson at the head of it, and a big and attractive chorus behind her. The tremendous vogue that the opera has attained however is said to be due, in a large measure, to the musical score, which is in Mr. De Koven's familiar and most pleasing vein. The soprano music is full of brilliant bits of melody and evidently of an ambitious character. Throughout the score there are effective choruses, of distinctly musical value, original, tuneful, well orchestrated and ingenious. Mr. Klein has told his story well. The comic element is very inspiring and mirth provoking. Mr. Cook's lyrics are clever and graceful and said to blend nicely with their musical settings. The story of the opera has to do with misadventure in the kingdom of Romania, where an unpopular crown prince is deposed by the Countess Von Draga, as for Feather, Chief of a band of conspirators, and Captain Travors is elected to his place. The piece is divided into two acts, the events of the first taking place in the streets of the town of Romania and those of the second act, within the

castle of the Countess. Seats on sale at Bookers Drug Store, Jan. 5th. Prices \$1.50, \$1.00, 75c, 50c. Box seats \$2.00.

MEETING PIONEER HOSE CO.

A meeting of the Pioneer Hose company No. 1 will be held Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock sharp at the headquarters of the fire department. The regular order of business will be transacted.

REVIEW OF TRADE

BY R.G. DUN & CO.

Comment on the Events of 1907 and a Hopeful Hint of Better Times During the Present Year.

The withdrawal of \$125,000,000 from a few large trust companies, precipitating a season of hoarding and sending currency to a premium at a time when it was most needed throughout the country, is credited in R. G. Dun & Co.'s annual review of trade, published tomorrow, with having been one of the great factors in turning the year 1907 from its promise of new records in prosperity to a closing period of financial disturbance that caused many plans for future extensions of business to be abandoned or postponed.

"The year 1907," says the report, started under the auspices that seemed bright beyond precedent and the movement of trade attained a velocity that constantly promised new records of prosperity.

"For almost ten months statistics of production, bank exchanges, railway earnings, and other measures of commercial activity compared favorably with any previous year and in many instances the total for the twelve months was never eclipsed.

"Normal Conditions in Sight. "Products of the farm far surpassed all earlier records, high prices more than compensating for smaller crops of some cereals and cotton than in banner years.

"Immigration and foreign commerce both exceeded any previous year, gold in the treasury rose to \$550,000,000 and the amount of money in circulation per capita became greater than ever before, despite a correction in the gold estimate of \$125,000,000 and an increase in population to over 8,500,000.

"Conditions changed radically during the last ten weeks of 1907, the financial disturbance that started in October unsettling confidence so completely that currently commanded a premium and plans for future extensions of business were abandoned or postponed.

"No accurate figures are available regarding the extent of this movement but it is estimated by well posted

bankers that the cash withdrawn from New York banks alone amounted to \$125,000,000 and perhaps four times as much throughout the country.

"Insolvencies were not unusually numerous in 1907, despite some increase in the last quarter, but as the year advanced there were more defaults of exceptional size and liabilities in the fourth quarter exceeded those of any three month period since 1893.

Iron Production Curtailed. "Changes in the iron and steel industry during 1907 were more striking than elsewhere, particularly in respect to the volume of production. During the early part of the year there was a gradual increase in output, the weekly active capacity of blast furnaces constantly establishing new records until the high point was reached on July 1, with a total of 528,170 tons of pig iron per week.

"From this point a moderate decrease occurred until toward the end of the year it was estimated that not more than about 33 per cent of the entire iron and steel capacity was in operation.

"Although in many cases the size of crops in 1907 fell below some preceding years, high prices made the return to the farmer much larger than ever before.

"To some extent short crops in other countries accounted for the high prices, notably in the case of wheat, for which foreigners were willing to pay more than \$1 a bushel during the closing months.

"Not only did the high price fail to check shipments abroad, but the returns for November showed more than 20,000,000 bushels sent abroad, the first time any monthly total was as large in over five years.

"Adding the value of cotton, meats, dairy products, poultry, eggs, and all other items raised by the agriculturist, the year's total attains the phenomenal value of \$7,400,000,000.

Dry Goods Exports Decrease. "Conflicting influences united to produce a year in the dry goods market which has been without precedent for the volume of business done, but which has also been honeycombed with disappointments that reduce the average of what might otherwise be regarded as a most successful twelve months.

"Above and beyond all is the increased trading which marked the first ten months of the year. In the export division the year was one of decided retrograde movement. The aggregate of exports falls far below that of 1906, which in turn, was smaller than the record year of 1905.

"Although hides broke to lower figures than had been reached before in about a decade, leather kept fairly steady throughout most of the year. The year has been characterized as a period of retrenchment in the shoe trade, and prices have undergone a readjustment from the top rates that prevailed late in 1906."

CHASING SUBJUNCTIVE TO ITS MYSTERIOUS LAIR

A Perplexing Pastime Which Threatens International Trouble.

William Buckingham, representative in the southwest of Fairbanks, Morse & Co., when not engaged in the commercial and intricate mechanical problems of his business is a student of literature and language. He is not satisfied with a mere reading or speaking knowledge of a foreign language, but he insists upon delving into the niceties of it and upon knowing more about it than the average not fully educated native does.

In the course of his studies of Spanish he came upon the intricacies of the subjunctive mood, which is more or less a boghead in all languages, and which is not dealt with fully in the grammar of any language. The stump against which Mr. Buckingham ran in Spanish reminded him that the English subjunctive had never been disposed of to his complete satisfaction. He has taken the matter up with various college presidents and professors of English and all of them have so far confessed that they are not quite clear regarding the subjunctive and none of them knew of any work which makes the subject clear.

In the meantime he has also been pursuing or trying to pursue the Spanish subjunctive to its lair. He has been in correspondence with the leading teachers of Spanish in this country regarding subjunctive forms and some of them have replied that they are in a state of confusion.

Finally Mr. Buckingham acting upon the advice of a teacher of Spanish made an international affair of it by writing to the Mexican ambassador at Washington about it. The reply of the ambassador shows that he knows as much about it as the writers of Spanish grammars, but they have all neglected to define the limitations of the subjunctive except in the general way in which it has been done by writers of English grammars.

Mr. Buckingham in the excitement of the chase was about to open communication with the ministers of the Central American republics but was cautioned by a friend that those countries are already in a restless and peevish state and are not feeling the best toward the United States, so that it would be better not to complicate matters further at this time. It was also suggested that Secretary Root might next summer make another tour of South and Central America when he could be induced to include the Spanish subjunctive among the subjects concerning which there should be a perfect accord among the people of the western hemisphere.

WAY TO GET HOUSES IS TO BUILD THEM

One Man's Experience That May Encourage Other People to Follow His Example.

E. M. Skinner, a contractor who has been very closely identified with this city for many years but who has been absent a great deal for the last two or three years, returned three or four days ago and has billed himself for a more or less continuous performance for some time to come. This "biling"

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Shoe Department Announcement.

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Coat and Suit Prices for January.

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Ladies' Pat. Kid Blucher Oxford, welt or turn soles, short vamp and military heel. Price \$3.50

LADIES

Ladies' Tan Kid, Pat. Kid or Vici Kid Button Oxfords, turn soles, at \$3.50

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Ladies' Two-Button Tan Calf Oxford, military heel, turn sole. Price \$4.00

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LADIES

Ladies' Dongola Kid Oxfords, light or heavy soles, patent tips. Price \$2.50

LADIES

Ladies' Tan Calf Pumps, leather bow, welt sole and military heel. Price \$3.50

LADIES

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Infants' Shoes, patent

vamps, with tops of red, champagne, brown or white kid, turn soles. Price \$1.50



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\$60.00 Suits go at.....	\$40.00
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\$40.00 Suits go at.....	\$27.50
\$35.00 Suits go at.....	\$24.50
\$30.00 Suits go at.....	\$20.00
\$25.00 Suits go at.....	\$16.50
\$20.00 Suits go at.....	\$13.50
\$15.00 Suits go at.....	\$10.00

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\$10.00 Coats go at.....	\$7.50

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\$10.00 Coats go at.....	\$7.00
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\$7.50 Coats go at.....	\$5.00
\$6.50 Coats go at.....	\$4.50
\$6.00 Coats go at.....	\$4.00
\$5.00 Coats go at.....	\$3.50

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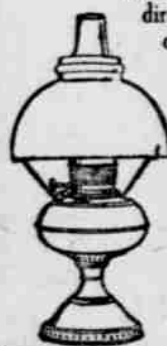
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however was not in a public way but only to those with whom he has business relations and the facts had to be extracted from him with the reportorial anger. Mr. Skinner is not seeking publicity or notoriety, but he is after money and says he is going to get it. There is nobody in a better position to know what can be done along the lines he is pursuing, in this particular ballgame, than Mr. Skinner, for he has had all kinds of experience in the game right here and is prepared to play it some more.

Mr. Skinner has built scores of houses in Phoenix, a lot of them for himself and a great many for other people. Possibly he has built more than any other man who ever contracted here. That however is a mere guess and might be wrong but it is ventured merely to show the magnitude of his operations. He made a lot of money on some of his projects and lost a lot on others for under the conditions that then prevailed he was just a little bit ahead of the town. The result was that two or three years ago when the town was at something of a standstill he went to California where the boom was on and "budded in," first at Los Angeles and later, after the fire, at San Francisco. He has been contracting in that city ever since the earthquake and has done well. A year ago now he had a quarrel of a million dollars' worth of work snapped out and a hundred men in his employ. He finished up these jobs about three months ago. San Francisco has been pretty quiet in a business way since the panic and he did not under take any recent contracts but decided to come down to Phoenix and

look after his interests, and perhaps acquire more—if he has a good opportunity.

His plan now is to build a few more houses. Just how many he does not announce, but reserves the right to build as many as he wants to. For a starter he only has seven in mind and has taken out building permits for two already and began operations. One of these he sold before the wall got scaffold high so he finds himself in the act of building the house for another man. These houses are on North second street. He has five more lots on First and Fillmore streets and he proposes to put a house on each one of them as fast as he can get around to it. These houses will each cost approximately \$2,000 and will be modern residence properties, good to sell or rent.

It was mentioned above that he got tied up in a hard knot before he left Phoenix. He has built a lot of houses and finished them just about the time the town was most quiet; before the water conditions were settled and before the steady influx of new residents which began a couple of years ago. There was a time his monthly rental income was about \$1,300. Then there came a time when it was less than \$100 for there is no money in vacant houses. Finally when Mr. Skinner here he had thirty-seven houses on hand and a most magnificent debt. He had to unload at hard time prices to keep his head above water and disposed of twenty-four of the houses at a loss. If he had been able to carry them through the lean years he said yesterday it would have left him \$50,000 better off than he is today. Then

he began selling more houses and since he returned a few days ago he has sold the rest of them, cleaning up the slate for a new deal.

Mr. Skinner believes that the lean years are over, the good houses will no longer go begging in this city, at least not for years to come. He has squared up all his debts, got some money left and proposes to put it back into brick and mortar. He feels lonesome any time he finds himself in Phoenix without any houses of his own to look at and play with. His advice to people is to build and he not only gives the advice but sets the example. He has been in town five days, got two houses under way already and is arranging the preliminaries for five more. That will average up about a house a day. Where are the rest of the five ones? Eligibility to the lot will be granted anybody who builds even one house a month. Phoenix needs houses and the way to get them is to build them.

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